

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 20, 28, 34 and 35, cancel claims 29-33 without prejudice, and add new claims 40-41.

1-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a wall panel having a top portion and a bottom portion;

an inflatable tube disposed at the top portion of the wall panel;

a base panel defining a periphery, the bottom portion of the wall panel coupled to the periphery of the base panel such that the wall panel and the base panel collectively define an interior space configured to receive a fluid;

a sleeve coupled to at least one of the bottom portion of the wall panel or the periphery of the base panel, the sleeve being formed from a sleeve material separate from a material for the wall panel and a material from the base panel, with the sleeve material folded over and stitched along a first edge of the sleeve material, a second edge of the sleeve material and at least one of the bottom portion of the wall panel or the periphery of the base panel by a common stitch; and

a collapsible frame member disposed within the sleeve, the collapsible frame member having a folded and an unfolded configuration.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein:

the inflatable tube has an inflated configuration and a deflated configuration,

the apparatus is configured for storage when the collapsible frame member is in the folded configuration and the inflatable tube is the deflated configuration, and

the apparatus is configured as a pool when the collapsible frame member is in the unfolded configuration and the inflatable tube is in the inflated configuration.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the frame member has a first end and a second end coupled to the first end to define a continuous loop.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the wall panel and the base panel are each formed with a waterproof material.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising:
a protective covering disposed on at least a portion of the frame member.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the inflatable tube is defined by the top portion of the wall portion.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the inflatable tube is coupled to a top edge of the wall panel.

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a wall panel;

a base panel coupled to a bottom portion of the wall panel, the base panel and the wall panel collectively defining an interior space configured to receive a fluid;

a sleeve coupled to at least one of the bottom panel or the wall panel, the sleeve being formed from a sleeve material separate from a material for the wall panel and a material from the base panel, with the sleeve material folded over and stitched along a first edge of the sleeve material, a second edge of the sleeve material and at least one of the bottom portion of the wall panel or the periphery of the base panel by a common stitch;

a frame member disposed within the sleeve and having a folded and an unfolded configuration;

an inflatable tube disposed at a top portion of the wall panel, the inflatable tube

having inflated configuration and a deflated configuration, wherein

the apparatus is configured for storage when the [[collapsible]] frame member is in the folded configuration and the inflatable tube is the deflated configuration, and

the apparatus is configured as a pool when the [[collapsible]] frame member is in the unfolded configuration and the inflatable tube is in the inflated configuration.

29-33. (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[29]], wherein the [[at least one]] wall panel forms a continuous circular wall, the wall panel and the base panel collectively defining an interior space configured to receive a fluid.

35. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

unfolding a collapsible pool having a [[coilable]] frame member disposed within a sleeve such that the [[collapsible]] frame member is moved from a coiled configuration to an uncoiled configuration, the sleeve being coupled to at least one of a periphery of a base panel of the collapsible pool or a lower portion of a wall panel of the collapsible pool, the periphery of the base panel being coupled to the lower portion of the wall panel, the sleeve being formed from a sleeve material separate from a material for the wall panel and a material from the base panel, with the sleeve material folded over and stitched along a first edge of the sleeve material, a second edge of the sleeve material and at least one of the bottom portion of the wall panel or the periphery of the base panel by a common stitch;

inflating an upper portion of the wall panel; and

after the inflating, introducing a fluid into an interior space collectively defined by the wall panel and the base panel such that the upper portion of the pool is moved to a position above the base panel of the pool.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
after the introducing, deflating the upper portion of the wall panel.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
after the introducing, deflating the upper portion of the wall panel; and
removing the fluid from the interior space of the collapsible pool.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
after the introducing, deflating the upper portion of the wall panel;
removing the fluid from the interior space of the collapsible pool; and
folding the collapsible pool such that the frame member forms a plurality of
concentric loops.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the inflating
includes inflating an inflatable tube disposed at the upper portion of the wall panel.

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the sleeve is continuous about the
bottom portion of the wall panel or the periphery of the base panel.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the sleeve is continuous about the
bottom portion of the wall panel or the periphery of the base panel.